

Safety Work Group Minutes of the Tuesday, February 23, 2010 Session.

Present were: Betsy Davis, Dana Stroman, Diane Tillery, Matt Kelleher and Ralph Vines.

Note – Chris Voss (Homeland Security was invited via e-mail but was not present),\*

All members approved the “Montgomery County Public Safety Home Security Survey Form”.

Senior Theater at Montgomery Mall – Police Reported that P&G Theater lost their lease.

Renovations are scheduled for March and the new owners are scheduled to re-open the movie in April, 2010. The cost to operate the movie is approximately \$500 per month. The members discussed alternative options to include: soliciting the new owners, outreach to the private sector for contribution/support and seeking donations.

Fire Rescue will conduct a Fire Safety presentation at Holiday Park – regarding new technology for Smoke Alarm and 10 year batteries.

Consumer Protection and Fire Rescue – in contact with Certiclear (previously called Senior Checked) to discuss Service Sector businesses which cater to Seniors in order to Matching Seniors with reputable merchants.

Police will contact the members of the Transportation Group to follow-up on Pedestrian Safety matters.

Police continue to manage/sponsor “Project Life Saver” which provides seniors with locator devices.

Fire Rescue – is preparing for “Fall Prevention “ to make seniors aware of the concerns of falling, this event is scheduled for September 2010 they plan to coordinate this event with Health & Wellness, Communication & Outreach and other partners.

Senior Preparedness “Lessons learned from record snow fall 2010” – Members discussed various flaws/shortcoming such as Seniors being discharged from the Hospital with out means to get home, Consumer Scams and price overcharges, unlicensed contractors soliciting work, power outage. The need to re-evaluate and re-emphasize Emergency Preparedness Plan; lots of seniors were not ready for the snow emergency – lacked food, water and supplies

Consumer Protection – Responded to calls/complaints on snow renewal, towing, price gouging in addition to Media Interviews and web-posting.

National Consumer Protection is March 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>; OCP will be conducting events to keep the Public informed.

The Safety Group discussed a joint press release to address snow related concerns.

Discussed Consumer Protection inquiring whether or not DHCA has any programs tailored to help seniors who may need resources to address home pairs related to the record snow storm – e-mail sent to DHCA.

Discussed the need to have Homeland Security become a member of the Safety Group.

Next Safety Group Meeting April ???, 2010.

Next Senior Sub-Cabinet Meeting, March 17, 2010 at 3:30 PM.

Meeting Adjourned – 2 PM.